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OBITUARY.

SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, G.C.M.G.

Sir George Bowen, a Corresponding Member of the American Geographical Society since the year 1892, died on the 21st of February, after a brief illness.

Born in 1821 and educated at Oxford, he began his public life as Secretary to the Government of Corfu. In 1859 he was appointed Governor of Queensland, and he displayed untiring energy in the discharge of his duties and in the exploration of the colony for nine years, succeeding Sir George Grey in 1868 as Governor of New Zealand. He was made Governor of Victoria in 1873, of Mauritius in 1879 and of Hong-Kong in 1883. This last office he held till 1887, and in 1888 he was appointed Royal Commissioner to Malta.

The record of his honourable career is contained in the selections from his official papers, edited, under the title of *Thirty Years of Colonial Government*, by Mr. Stanley Lane-Poole.